

Title: Need to review Indo-Nepal treaty in order to remove iniquitous treatment to synthetic and blended yarn spinners of India.

SHRI LAKSHMAN SETH (TAMLUK): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would like to raise one very important issue concerning the difficulties faced by the acrylic fibre and its yarn industry as per the Indo-Nepal Treaty arrived at in the year 1996. What is happening is that Nepal is importing acrylic fibre from India without any customs duty. Whenever any Indian importers are importing this acrylic fibre, they have to pay customs duty at the rate of 25 per cent. Nepal is importing this from India through Indian ports and taking it to their country and they are processing it and again are exporting it back to India under a different nomenclature of acrylic fibre filament at a cheaper rate. ...(*Interruptions*) In this way Nepal is gaining both ways.

I request the hon. Prime Minister, hon. Minister of External Affairs and hon. Minister of Commerce to look into this review the Indo-Nepal Treaty. I understand that the Treaty is to be reviewed in the month of December this year. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing to go on record. Shri Adhir Chowdhary to speak now. (*Interruptions*)*